

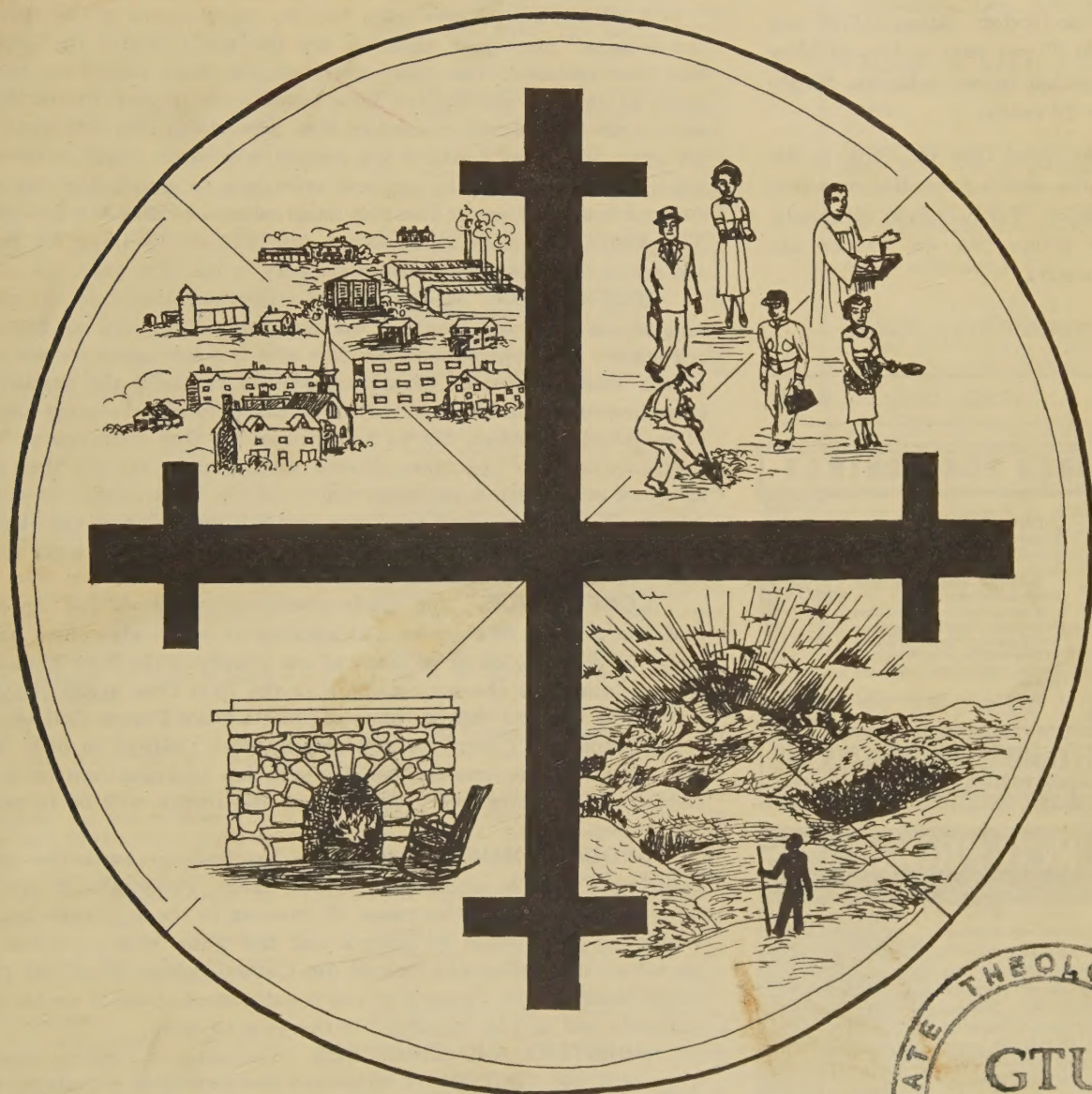
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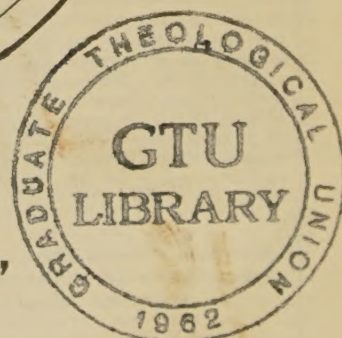
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MY TASK

A Year's Review

by Dick Porter

The first full year as minister-at-large and editor is now history and it is my pleasure to write the second "My Task." It will in no sense be a statistical report but rather a report of spirit and trends.

THANKS. The cordial reception given in every area of the country has been an inspiration and a revelation of the spirit of unity which prevails in our movement. The approval of the direction in which the Council is now moving by personal word, formal action and financial support has been most gratifying. The fruit of about two-thirds of my time spent in the field should be even more evident in the year to come.

A MINISTER. Never once has the significance of the title "minister-at-large" been lost sight of, nor the spirit behind the selection of that term violated. The many churches who have called for help during times of internal difficulties have found an objective counselor who respects the confidence placed in him. Sometimes this has been difficult for even our Council has a few people who seem eager to pounce upon choice gossip. Even the vaguest reference to particular cases will be omitted from this report lest the imaginations of this few be stimulated. The number of cases has amazed your minister-at-large for he did not expect to be received so wholeheartedly in his first year.

UNIFICATION. Much time and effort has gone into the consolidation of our work and unifying our approach. This has not been without resistance and objection on the part of a few but again we are surprised at the small amount of negative reaction. Actually the negativism has been helpful for it has enabled us, to not only clearly state our position of inviolable freedom, but to demonstrate it. One criticism of "centralized bureaucracy" becomes absurd when people realize that it is harmonious coordination and continuation of the work of the Council that is sought. We have become too large and too important to the life of Protestantism to continue to have individuals or departments get on a horse and ride in three directions at the same time.

CONFERENCE. The whole conference program and operation is really a part of this report and mention is made elsewhere of the tremendous cooperation of so many of our people in the New York and elsewhere throughout the nation. This is the first time since the organization of our Council that we have not had a Lake Forest College, a Longview Community Church or a Michigan State College to help us handle the details of the conference. Though this is being written before the conference we have every confidence that things will be in order when you arrive.

GROUP DYNAMICS. Much time has been given to the seminar or conference type of program in official areas, geographical sections and with local churches. The range of interest in these groups has been as varied as the number of groups and has gone from personal spiritual growth to the philosophy behind our Council cooperation and the actual relationship of the Council to the local church. Such a technique is invaluable and will be expanded in the year to come.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES. The area of finding ministers for churches, and churches for ministers and providing for changes in time of conflict consumes a great deal to time and energy, and requires great spiritual preparation. Personal interviews with 47 ministers who desire to come into our movement, conferences with many men and church committees who desire a change, following through until a church finds the man they want and the voluminous correspondence required is one of the challenging aspects of the work. It could not have run as well as it did without the help of many of our devoted leaders in our areas.

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MY TASK (Continued)

A PERSONAL MATTER CANNOT BE IMPERSONAL. Naturally when persons deal with persons the matter of personalities always enters into the transaction. This is mentioned because we frequently hear this criticism of our handling of the relationship between churches and ministers. The only suggestion of a remedy is to involve even more personalities through the use of a committee. Time and again we've wondered how many of our men or even churches would want to discuss their problems with a committee. On the other hand, if we may become facetious for a moment, maybe we could devise some machine on the Rube Goldberg pattern that would work impersonally or an even simpler solution would be to draw the names out of a hat. Sometimes I'm a little suspicious that some of the critics want to shuffle the lives of others.

We will continue to get both the permission of men and churches, give everyone at least the choice of three when possible, and let the ministers and the churches make the choices.

WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS. Work with departments is very important, and though we have not violated the freedom of any department or committee, we have worked closely with them upon their invitation.

YOUTH. We were with the youth in Chicago last Fall, the national meeting of youth in Cincinnati at the year's end, a number of area and single church youth camps and finally worked through the accomplishment of a Youth Page in *The Christian Community*. We are always ready to meet with the individual churches and some memorable experiences have grown out of these contacts. The program (especially for youth) here in New York was worked out entirely by them and their counsel was sought in some features of the general program.

WOMEN. One would hesitate to guess how many conferences we have had with the President and other leaders of the Women's work on a national area, and local parish level. They would be the first to admit that though we have always been available we have never intruded and that they have had absolute freedom in the development of The Woman's Page in *The Christian Community*.

MUSIC. The Music Workshop continued through the year and developed a lending library of anthems. . . Again the hearty cooperation of the office was available.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. The first piece of promotional material to be developed by the Department of Public Relations will be found in your packet. A wide mailing of these to unaffiliated churches is under way as this is being written and they will be available to our churches at \$2.50 per hundred or \$20.00 per thousand which just takes care of the production costs. The first printing was a donation of a member of the committee. Your minister-at-large served as ex-officer as a resource person as this

group functioned. This committee has also made complete arrangements for coverage of our conference.

BEYOND OUR COUNCIL. The Department of Ecumenical Relations has provided for representation at the World Council of Churches in Evanston in August and the National Council of Churches of Christ in Boston in November. We have also been very active in the Greenwich Conference for a United Church. In our travels we have noticed that practically every local church is active in both the local and state councils of churches and every missionary budget that has reached the office has included support for them. Many of our ministers and lay people take outstanding leadership in the work also. Sometimes we get blamed for the attitude of independent churches which are not members of our Council. One church would not join us because we were consultative members of the National Council. On the whole our churches give a practical demonstration of their belief in cooperation as well as unity.

OTHERS. We have worked closely with every other department when called upon and when possible.

PENSION. The Pension Trust is still under study. A report may be available at New York but we doubt it.

The Council has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as last year's conference unanimously directed. This has had a number of complicating circumstances such as the extended illness of one of the incorporators but it is now official.

FINANCES. The financial area of our work has been amazing. Including mission and conference income already we have handled more than \$25,000.00 this year. The income applicable to the expenses of the Council is \$9,833.35 more than last year as of June 15th. For the first year we have met the projected budget. The splendid response on the part of so many of our churches is evidence of their genuine spirit of cooperation and their desire to grow together to make their destined impression on Protestantism. As your minister-at-large has traveled about, churches and areas have contributed about \$1,000.00 to his travel expenses over and above their gift. We pledge ourselves to continue to live within the income of our Council for we cannot spend budgets. We also pledge ourselves to protect the official budget adopted at the conference from unauthorized revision. Your executive committee had to do that once during the fiscal year just ending.

OUR PAPER. We have tried to make *The Christian Community* a triple threat paper.

1. News of churches, areas, the council and people are a very important part of the magazine's mission.

2. Methods, techniques, ideas, and materials for the operation of all branches of local churches are included whenever they can be secured.

3. The philosophy of the free

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church from all viewpoints also finds its way into the paper.

The Christian Community still remains our very medium of promotion and we have ceased to think in terms of deficit because the subscriptions do not pay for its total operation.

The advertising has increased and is of the highest type. We hope to interest more of our bona fide missions agencies in the use of our pages for the promotion of their projects. All our advertisers speak highly of the results.

We had a chance to finally go over our mailing list and bring it into line with postal regulations. It was a drastic operation, but we cannot send a paper without having a paid subscription, so hundreds of names which we inherited had to be dropped. We hope all our subscribers, both individual and bundle will cooperate with us by sending renewals promptly.

THE DENOMINATIONS. We have had very interesting and tragic experiences in relationship to other groups who are constantly seeking to get our churches. We smile a bit when folks write us asking us to be easy in our criticism of denominations. We are not anti-denominational but you have the facts. Here is an example of what happens.

The Southern Presbyterian church went to our church in Vero Beach and said, in effect, "We are going to have a Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach but we don't want too many competing churches. To keep from having too many churches you turn over your physical assets, your spiritual stature and goodwill in the community, and

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OUR NEW YORK PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1954

- 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION AND ROOMING (UNION SEMINARY) Throughout the afternoon an informal fellowship will be held in the spacious and attractive lounge or social hall at the Union Theological Seminary.
- 6:30 P.M. OPENING FELLOWSHIP BANQUET President G. Taylor Wright, presiding; Greetings - The Honorable Mayor Wagner, New York City; Choir from Great Neck Church - Mr. McKinstry, director; "THE NATION'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH" DR. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, MINISTER - Abbyssinia Baptist Church, U. S. Congressman from New York City; buzz groups and question period.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1954

- BREAKFAST Delegates will get their own breakfast at either Union or Columbia Cafeterias. Your cost is determined by your appetite.
- LAMPMAN CHAPEL will be open daily for meditation and prayer.
- 8:30 A.M. ORGAN MEDITATION in James Chapel by Lowell Riley, Columbus, Ohio
- 9:00 A.M. DEVOTIONAL PERIOD IN JAMES CHAPEL conducted by Frederick Keller Stamm, Great Neck, N. Y., author of "One Fine Hour."
- 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 SEMINARS (Choose the one in which your greatest interest lies. You will have a chance to choose another at 2:00 in the afternoon for each seminar will be given at both periods.)
1. Christian Education in Community Churches
 2. The Philosophy of the Community Centered Church
 3. Our Responsibility in World Community
 4. The Churches Relation to the Family
 5. Recruiting and Assimilating Members
 6. Political and Social Action
 7. The Layman's Part in the Ministry
 8. Skills in Group Work
 9. Reaching Members Through Print
 10. Financing the Church
 11. Building and Its Problems
 12. The Rural Church and Its Challenge
 13. The Use of Audio-Visual Aids
 14. Worship in Community Churches
- 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON MUSIC WORKSHOP
- 10 A.M. "Music is Worship" Hymns and Response
 - 11 A.M. Survey of Choir Music.
- 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON - YOUTH SESSION "A MODERN CONCEPT OF MISSIONS", IRA W. MOOMAW
- 12:15 P.M. - LUNCH (Cafeteria Style, Union or Columbia) Delegates will pay for their own checks.
- 1:45 P.M. THE SEMINARS LISTED ABOVE WILL BE REPEATED. Each delegate will be asked to choose a seminar other than the one they attended in the morning. The leaders and the subjects are the same.
1. Christian Education in Community Churches
 2. The Philosophy of the Community Centered Church
 3. Our Responsibility in World Community
 4. The Churches Relation to the Family
 5. Recruiting and Assimilating Members
 6. Political and Social Action
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 8. Skills in Group Work
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 11. Building and Its Problems
 12. The Rural Church and Its Challenge
 13. The Use of Audio-Visual Aids
 14. Worship in Community Churches
- 1:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. YOUTH SESSION "THE TRUE NATURE OF THE COMMUNITY CHURCH", Dr. LeRoy Bowman, Prof. Brooklyn College; Dick Porter, Minister-at-Large, International Council.
- 4:00 P.M. - 5:50 P.M. OPEN FORUM "A SIGN FOR THESE TIMES" The Minister-at-Large and the Executive Committee; Plenty of opportunity for questions and expressions from the floor.
- 6:30 P.M. ALL CONFERENCE CAFETERIA DINNER Columbia University; an evening of fellowship and singing. Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, Robert A. Gessert and others will be introduced.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1954

- BREAKFAST Delegates will get their own breakfast at Union or Columbia cafeterias. You can have as much or as little as you want.
- LAMPMAN CHAPEL will be open daily for meditation and prayer.

MORNING WORSHIP You may worship in the Church of your choice.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH across the street (Get tickets at registration desk)

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH 34th St. and Park Ave.

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY CHURCH

OTHER COMMUNITY CHURCHES in the Metropolitan New York Area.

A LIST OF FAMOUS NEW YORK CHURCHES is included in your delegate's packet.

12:00 NOON - OFFICIAL TOUR OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH for those who attend church there.

1:15 P.M. - DINNER (CAFETERIA STYLE, Columbia or Union)

2:20 P.M. - OFFICIAL TOUR of some of the unusual religious centers of New York City. Your ticket is a part of your registration.

3:00 P.M. Hindu Remakrishna Vivekananda Society, 17 E. 94th St.

4:15 P.M. Exquisite Buddhist Temple
(See page 18 for full details)

6:00 P.M. - THE ABOVE TOUR WILL END AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK CITY; buffet supper, fellowship hour. You will be guests of this church and the council for supper.

8:00 P.M. MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY CHURCH; music by National Negro TV Choir, Donald Harrington will speak on "THE INTERFAITH CHALLENGE OF THIS DAY".

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1954

BREAKFAST Each delegate will secure and pay for his own breakfast at either Union or Columbia Cafeterias.

LAMPMAN CHAPEL will be open daily for meditation and prayer.

8:30 A.M. ORGAN MEDITATION in James Chapel by Lowell Riley

9:00 A.M. DEVOTIONAL PERIOD in James Chapel by Dr. Frederick K. Stamm.

9:20 - 10:45 A.M. SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS; Both the seminars and workshops will continue for three days. Delegates will be expected to continue with the same group so as to receive maximum benefit and not interfere with group continuity. The seminars will primarily be periods of sharing and interchange with broadening and growth for individuals as the objective. The workshop on the other hand will choose specific goals, work in the field of interest, and come up with specific programs, findings or recommendations.

THE SEMINARS

1. Discovering and Training Leadership in Churches.
2. The Town and Country Church (Administration and Program)
3. The Suburban Church (Administration and Program)
4. The City Church (Administration and Program)
5. Missions Projects and Programs
6. The Church and the Home Working Together
7. The Stewardship of Money
8. Training in the Life of Prayer

WORKSHOPS

1. Political and Social Action
2. The Layman's Part in the Ministry
3. Religious Education for Children (Material, Program and Leadership)
4. Religious Education for Youth (Material, Program and Leadership)
5. Religious Education for Adults (Material, Program and Leadership)
6. Reaching Members Through Print
7. The Pastoral Call (Reserved for Ministers)
8. The Use of Audio-Visual Aids
9. How to Win People and Assimilate Members
10. How People Work Together in a Group
11. The Community Centered Church

9:20 to 11:30 THE MUSIC WORKSHOP

9:20 "Music in Worship" Choirs and soloist

10:30 Survey of Choir Music

10:00 A.M. YOUTH PROGRAM "CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS", Dr. Gordon Potat

10:45 - 11:30 A.M. SEPARATE MEETINGS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

11:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

12:30 P.M. LUNCH (CAFETERIA STYLE - Union or Columbia)
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1L30 P.M. FIELD TRIP - BOAT TRIP AROUND MANHATTAN;
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OUR NEW YORK PROGRAM (continued)

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Adults \$2.00

Children under 12 \$1.00

(see page 18 for details)

6:30 P.M. ALL CONFERENCE CAFETERIA DINNER AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY; Music by St. Paul's Community Choir. Greetings by Dr. Edwin Kennedy, Union Seminary. Dr. Paul Fall, Pres. Hiram College, speaker "THE COLLEGE and THE CHURCH WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY." Buzz groups and questions from the floor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1954

BREAKFAST - Columbia and Union Cafeterias will be open. Eat what you want and pay your own check.

LAMPMAN CHAPEL will be open daily for meditation and prayer. 8:30 A.M. ORGAN MEDITATION in James Chapel by Lowell Riley

9:00 A.M. DEVOTIONAL PERIOD in James Chapel by Dr. Stamm.

9:20 - 10:45 A.M. SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS; Both the seminars and workshops will continue for three days. Delegates will be expected to continue with the same group so as to receive maximum benefit and not interfere with group continuity. The seminar will primarily be periods of sharing and interchange with broadening and growth for individuals as the objective. The workshop on the other hand will choose specific goals, work in the field of interest, and come up with specific programs, findings or recommendations.

9:20 - 11:30 MUSIC WORKSHOP

9:20 "Music in Worship" Organ and Piano

10:30 Survey of Choir Music

10:00 A.M. YOUTH PROGRAM "PRAYER" - Leader to be announced.

10:45 - 11:30 A.M. SEPARATE MEETING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

11:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

12:30 P.M. SPECIAL LUNCHEONS

WOMAN'S LUNCHEON will be in Union Seminary Cafeteria.

THE MEN will eat together at Columbia Cafeteria.

ADULTS will have the afternoon free. (See page 18 for special tour limited to 50 only)

2:00 P.M. THE YOUTH WILL PREPARE FOR THEIR ANNUAL COMMUNION SERVICE in James Chapel

6:30 - 8:15 P.M. ALL CONFERENCE DINNER AT COLUMBIA

UNIVERSITY; speaker MISS BELL GREVE, director of Welfare, Cleveland, Ohio will speak on "HIDDEN OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY." Music by the Workshop.

8:30 - THE ANNUAL YOUTH COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE SEMINARY CHAPEL; Maurice Dawkins, Los Angeles, Cal. speaker.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1954

BREAKFAST You eat and pay for what you want at Columbia or Union Cafeterias.

LAMPMAN CHAPEL will be open daily for meditation and prayer.

8:30 A.M. ORGAN MEDITATION in James Chapel by Lowell Riley.

9:00 A.M. DEVOTIONAL PERIOD in James Chapel with Dr. Stamm.

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9:20 - 11:30 MUSIC WORKSHOP

9:20 "Music in Worship" General Discussion

10:30 Evaluation, Suggestions and Planning

10:00 A.M. YOUTH SESSION A Panel of Youth. Leaders will lead the discussion.

10:45 - 11:30 A.M. SEPARATE MEETINGS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

11:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

Report of Nominating Committee

12:30 P.M. LUNCH (CAFETERIA, Columbia or Union) Eat what you want and pay the check.

1:30 P.M. FIELD TRIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS. Special busses will be at Union at 1:30. The fare will be 13 cents each way. You must have a ticket. Delegates' tickets are a part of the registration. Others can secure tickets at registration desk.

6:30 P.M. CLOSING BANQUET AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY; Installation of Officers; Music by workshop; speaker Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary World Council of Churches; Topic "From Amsterdam to Evanston"; Final benediction in friendship circle.

MY TASK (continued from page 3)

your membership and we will put the word 'community' in the name of your church."

One retired prominent minister said that it was one of the most flagrant violations of all ethical procedures he has ever seen.

So we must face the facts. Your minister has come to believe that blanket denunciations and blanket approvals or just plain silence can be disastrous. In both of these above examples we have operated in the spirit of freedom and love which we have found among you.

There have been balances too. Right now we are working with a denominational leader to develop a community church, in a town where there is only one church, and it belongs to his denomination. He is a man of vision and realizes that the sectarian approach can never reach the whole community.

AND FINIS. Space has run out but I could run on for the year has been full. Many days have been 24 hour days for we have traveled in the night to the next engagement. I leave my desk to travel tonight after 13 hours at a desk today, and only 5 hours sleep last night as I drove home from a meeting with a pulpit committee. But it was one of the grandest years I have spent in my ministry and I was ordained 25 years ago. May I close with some lines which are very expressive and though I did not write them I have made them mine some years ago.

The world is a difficult world indeed

And the people are hard to suit,

And the man who plays on the violin

Is a bore to the man with a flute.

And I myself have often thought,

How very much better 'twould be

If every one of the folks that I know

Would only agree with me.

But since they will not, the very best way

To make the world look bright,

Is never to mind what others say,

But do what you think is right.

A PERSONAL COMMITMENT

And now, to you splendid people who have stood so faithful with me, your pastor, in this pioneering work, I extend my sincere gratitude. As I reflect upon the prayerfulness, faithfulness and loyalty each of you has displayed throughout this year, even in the face of disheartening circumstances, I am humbled. With reverential awe I whisper, "Behold what manner of love" is demonstrated by you toward our God and His church. Your pastor wants you to know with what sincere regard your constancy and fealty is held. It is a sacred trust. It will not be violated. As a follower of that Great Shepherd of the Flock, it shall be my sincere prayer and earnest endeavour to watch over this spiritual heritage with all diligence, integrity and sobriety, and to walk before you "worthily of the Vocation to which I am called".

Gerdene P. Newton



United Nations Flag

TWO NEW SYMBOLS for WORLD DAY in NEW YORK



*World Council
of Churches Seal*

Some of us are old enough to remember when only a few dared to even dream about a World Council of Churches and a United Nations. They are a reality now and strange as it may seem, World War II was, in a measure, the midwife at the birth of both.

Community churches are naturally interested in both of these great organizations which seek to bring men closer together in every walk of life.

It is no accident that Wednesday, June 30, finds the New York Conference concentrating on both organizations, with a field trip to the U.N. Building in the afternoon and with Dr. V. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches as the speaker for the closing banquet of our conference.

This is not a single observance to salve the conscience, for seminars on "Our Responsibility in World Community" and "Missions Projects and Programs" are a part of our daily schedule.

Our churches are awakening to their world responsibility in a marvelous way. Every annual report

received in the office shows increased interest in the work of the church beyond themselves and increased giving is always attendant to wider vision. (*See budget on page 8.*)

So many thrilling mission projects, both home and abroad, are in the very spirit of our movement, that there is no longer need to think of our own exclusive projects. We will continue our efforts to get some of them included in our approved list.

Be sure to get your tickets for both the trip to U.N. and the closing banquet.

As a delegate you have a U.N. trip ticket. Others can get them at the registration desk.

Everyone has to purchase a ticket to dinner No. 5.

After this "World Day" it will be harder than ever to be narrow and provincial again. We will be able to understand our world organizations as never before. The meager, spotty and biased reports in newspapers will no longer trouble us.



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SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

New York City

June 25 - 30, 1954

SATURDAY SEMINARS PICK ONE FOR THE MORNING - ANOTHER FOR THE AFTERNOON

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
 1. Jo Nichols, Columbus, Ohio; Chairman
 2. Roy Davis, Homewood, Illinois; Recorder
 3. E. Weldon Keckley, Joplin, Mo.
 4. Miss Wilma Johnson, Dir. at Community, N.Y.C.
2. THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE COMMUNITY CENTERED CHURCH
 1. B. K. Apelian, Radburn, N.J., Chairman
 2. E. P. Williams, Chattanooga, Tenn., Recorder
 3. Bob Bell, Chicago, Ill.
 4. Dr. Joseph Evans, Chicago, Ill.
3. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN WORLD COMMUNITY
 1. Leon Sanborne, Berea, Ky., Chairman
 2. Jay Clow, New Carlisle, Ind., Recorder
 3. Hale B. Thompson, New York City
 4. C. C. Hung, Washington, D. C.
 5. E. C. Frierson, Akron, Ohio
 6. E. H. Gebert, Longview, Washington
4. THE CHURCHES RELATION TO THE FAMILY
 1. Chaplain Hall, Long Beach, Calif., Chairman
 2. Harry Birch, Greenwood, Mass., Recorder
 3. Chris Garriott, Homewood, Ill.
5. RECRUITING AND ASSIMILATING MEMBERS
 1. James Stewart, Bath, Ohio, Chairman
 2. Fred Jackson, Chicago, Ill., Recorder
 3. Derrick M. Byrd, Buffalo, N.Y.
 4. R. Cameron Fisher, Packanack Lake, N. J.
6. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTION
 1. Nelson Pierce, Washington, D.C., Chairman
 2. Gerldene Newton, Perris, Calif., Recorder
 3. Marion Bascom, Baltimore, Md.
 4. Philip Burton, Norris, Tenn.
7. THE LAYMAN'S PART IN THE MINISTRY
 1. Frank Blackman, Worcester, Mass., Chairman
 2. Guy Anderson, Longview, Wash., Recorder
 3. Harold Sturman, Rio Hondo, Tex.
 4. John Horn, Fairlawn, N. J.
 5. Dr. Darrell Barnard, Great Neck, N. Y.
8. SKILLS IN GROUP WORK
 1. Willard Page, San Diego, Calif., Chairman
 2. Joe Hutcherson, Aurora, Ohio, Recorder
 3. Maurice Dawkins, Los Angeles, Calif.
 4. Dorothy Branch, Chicago, Ill.
 5. Ralph Jordan, Columbus, Ohio
9. REACHING MEMBERS THROUGH PRINT
 1. Ted Richardson, Chicago, Ill., Chairman
 2. Loral Pancake, Mountain Lakes, N. J.
10. WORSHIP IN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
 1. Rudy Thomas, Columbus, Ohio
 2. Willis Elliott, Morton, Ill.
11. FINANCING THE CHURCH
 1. Carl Burkhardt, Kansas City, Mo., Chairman
 2. Bob Hayden, Birmingham, Ala., Recorder
 3. Maitland Smith, Fairlawn, N. J.
 4. Robert H. Hutchison, Mountain Lakes, N. J.
12. BUILDING AND ITS PROBLEMS
 1. John Eichorn, La Porte, Texas, Chairman
 2. Fred Nelson, Miami, Florida
 3. Spencer Mitchell, Kansas City, Kan.
13. THE RURAL CHURCH AND ITS CHALLENGE
 1. Jim Wyker, Mt. Vernon, O., Chairman
 2. G. Taylor Wright, Sherman, N.Y., Recorder
14. THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS
 1. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morgan, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Chairmen
 2. Charles Luminati, Great Neck, N. Y.
 3. Engineer from Seminary

WEEK DAY SEMINARS GO TO THE SAME ONE FOR THREE DAYS

1. DISCOVERING AND TRAINING LEADERSHIP IN CHURCHES
 1. Cleo Strawmyer, Bellevue, Wash., Chairman
 2. Spencer Mitchell, Kansas City, Kan., Recorder
 3. Alfred Pope, Louisville, Ky.
2. THE TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH (ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM)
 1. Jim Wyker, Mt. Vernon, O., Chairman
 2. Harold Sturman, Rio Hondo, Tex., Recorder
 3. G. Taylor Wright, Sherman, N. Y.
 4. Dr. Charles Mathews, Dean, Auburn Seminary

3. THE SUBURBAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM
 1. Roland Marriott, Watertown, Mass., Chairman
 2. James Stewart, Bath, Ohio, Recorder
4. THE CITY CHURCH (ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM)
 1. E. H. Gebert, Longview, Wash., Chairman
 2. E. C. Frierson, Akron, Ohio, Recorder
 3. M. C. Griffin, Florence, Ala.
 4. Rudy Thomas, Columbus, Ohio
 5. Hale B. Thompson, New York City
5. MISSIONS PROJECTS AND PROGRAM
 1. Thorpe Bauer, Glenbrook, Conn., Chairman
 2. Glenn Shoun, Hartford, Ohio, Recorder
 3. John Peters, Columbus, Ohio
 4. Jay Clow, New Carlisle, Ind.
 5. C. C. Hung, Washington, D. C.
6. THE CHURCH AND THE HOME WORKING TOGETHER
 1. W. R. Hall, Long Beach, Calif., Chairman
 2. Loral Pancake, Mountain Lakes, N. J., Recorder
 3. Brandt Tefft, East Lansing, Mich.
 4. E. Cameron Fisher, Packanack Lake, N. J.
 5. E. Everett Lewis, Elizabeth City, N. C.
7. THE STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY
 1. John Eichorn, La Porte, Tex., Chairman
 2. Earl Ross, Gahanna, Ohio, Recorder
 3. E. P. Williams, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 4. Harry Birch, Greenwood, Mass.
8. TRAINING IN THE LIFE OF PRAYER
 1. Wallace Schelling, Garrettsville, Ohio, Chairman
 2. Mary Miller, Columbus, Ohio, Recorder
 3. Stephen Diller, Metamora, Ill.
 4. Willis Elliott, Morton, Ill.

WEEK DAY WORKSHOPS GO TO THE SAME ONE FOR THREE DAYS

1. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTION
 1. Nelson Pierce, Washington, D.C., Chairman
 2. Gerldene Newton, Perris, Calif., Recorder
 3. Marion Bascom, Baltimore, Md.
 4. C. M. DuBose, Cleveland, Ohio
 5. Philip Burton, Norris, Tenn.
 6. Bob Hayden, Birmingham, Ala.
2. THE LAYMAN'S PART IN THE MINISTRY
 1. Frank Blackman, Worcester, Mass., Chairman
 2. Guy Anderson, Longview, Wash., Recorder
 3. Dr. Alfred Reusch, Great Neck, N. Y.
3. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN (MATERIAL, PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP)
 1. E. Weldon Keckley, Joplin, Mo., Chairman
 2. Roy Davis, Homewood, Ill., Recorder
 3. Jo Nichols, Columbus, Ohio
 4. Bernice Dalrymple, Mattoon, Ill.
4. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH (MATERIAL, PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP)
 1. Leon Sanborne, Berea, Ky., Chairman
 2. Fred Doty, Long Beach, Calif., Recorder
 3. Robert Heywood, Indian Lake, Ohio
 4. Lillian Hardge, Chicago, Ill.
5. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS (MATERIAL, PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP)
 1. Joseph E. Thompson, New York City, Chairman
 2. Carl Burkhardt, Kansas City, Mo., Recorder
 3. Homer Dalrymple, Mattoon, Ill.
6. REACHING MEMBERS THROUGH PRINT
 1. Ted Richardson, Chicago, Ill.
 2. Loral Pancake, Mountain Lakes, N. J.
7. THE PASTORAL CALL (RESERVED FOR MINISTERS)
 1. Willard Page, San Diego, Calif., Chairman
 2. Ed Hayes, Russell, Mass., Recorder
 3. Ken Struckey, El Paso, Ill.
8. THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS
 1. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morgan, Chagrin Falls, O.
 2. Engineer from Seminary
9. HOW TO WIN PEOPLE AND ASSIMILATE MEMBERS
 1. Ralph Marsden, Houston, Tex., Chairman
 2. Fred Jackson, Chicago, Ill., Recorder
 3. James Stewart, Bath, Ohio
 4. Derrick Byrd, Buffalo, N. Y.
10. HOW PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER IN A GROUP
 1. Maurice Dawkins, Los Angeles, Calif., Chairman
 2. Joe Hutcherson, Aurora, Ohio, Recorder
 3. Dorothy Branch, Chicago, Ill.
 4. Ralph Jordan, Columbus, Ohio
11. THE COMMUNITY CENTERED CHURCH
 1. Morgan Van Tassel, McConnellsville, N.Y., Chairman
 2. Bob Bell, Chicago, Ill., Recorder
 3. O. Jordan, Park Ridge, Ill.
 4. B. K. Apelian, Radburn, N. J.
 5. Dr. Joseph Evans, Chicago, Ill.

THE FAITH MEN LIVE BY

We believe in GOD the Father:

Infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose justice is perfect, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in JESUS CHRIST:

The Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the pledge of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT:

The divine presence in our lives, keeping us in perpetual remembrance of Christ, guiding us into all truth, and strengthening and helping us in time of need.

In this faith, we humbly pray that God may bless us and enable us to reflect his love in all relations with our fellows. We seek to follow the example of our blessed Lord, and, looking for the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth, we dedicate ourselves to his service.

The Foreside Community Church

Editors note: *Each month we will reprint the creed, covenant, or statement of faith of a Community Church. We would appreciate having a copy from your church.*

A Missionary Budget 1953 - 1954

HOME MISSIONS

Agr. Migrants Home Mission Council	\$ 50.00
Share Croppers of North America	50.00
American Leprosy Mission, Inc.	75.00
Seminaries in Louisville (student aid)	200.00
Colgate-Rochester Divinity School	50.00
Internatl Council of Community Churches	200.00
Louisville Council of Churches	50.00
Indiana Council of Churches	50.00
Christian Youth Movement	100.00
All Prayer Foundling Home	75.00
John Little Mission	50.00
Reserve for Future Project	50.00
Extra Cerebral Palsy Fund	150.00
TOTAL	\$1150.00

Project - White Gift Christmas Navajo Indians

FOREIGN MISSION

Allahabad Agricultural Institute, India	\$ 100.00
American Bible Society	200.00
Internatl Christian University, Japan	100.00
Oriental Missionary Society	
Korea, Formosa, British Guiana	150.00
Near East - The Thirsty Village	100.00
Africa - Cameroun Christian College	100.00
Door of Hope - India	100.00
Church World Service	50.00
Yap Island	50.00
Reserve for Future Project	50.00
TOTAL	\$1000.00

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THE PERIPATETIC PARSON

Sir:

Have you been to any magician shows lately? I do not know what interest you may have in them, but mine is very deep. I find the understanding of human nature to be a real aid in my ministry to people, and I find the magician's show to be an excellent school for the study of human nature.

Take sleight of hand tricks, for instance. Here is a good demonstration of human nature's willingness, almost eagerness, to be duped. It's all based (in case you were wondering what this had to do with religion) on the fundamental principle enunciated so clearly by Jesus: "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." As long as you follow this principle as you watch the sleight of hand tricks, the magician is safe. I mean he's got you fooled. Just apply it to him as you watch, don't let yourself know what his right hand is doing while he wants you to be watching his left hand.

All this is brought to mind by my noting that there is going to be some sleight of hand in high ecclesiastical places this summer - specifically around August in a suburban community known as Evanston.

I'm being afflicted with a crescendo of articles about "Ecumenicity". One just today berates ministers for keeping their ecumenical thinking on national and world levels and failing to bring it down to the local community. The minister, this author says, must practice ecumenicity on the local level, he must lead his people to accept other denominational churches as part of the fellowship of Christ and cooperate with them. But who is he trying to fool? Let's be honest. He is probably not only trying to fool us, but is no doubt doing an excellent job of fooling himself. He's not letting his left hand know what his right hand has written. He has given a beautiful, convincing plea for community churches on the local level, but he'll never admit it. What other logical outcome is there to the ecumenical concept? But while the right hands are enthusiastically beating the drums for ecumenicity and bereaving the tragedy of the divided church, the left hands are frantically shoring up the weakened buttresses of the denominational pattern.

Consistency can be a painful thing. The magician knows that it would ruin him in short order.

Yours from left to right
The Peripatetic Parson

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The Missionary Budget of the Speed Memorial Church, Speed, Ind., is a typical and generous one for a church of its size. We call attention to the contribution to the Louisville and Indiana Councils of Churches for it is often claimed that our churches do not cooperate with such groups. Every missionary budget that has come to our office has generous contributions for cooperative Protestantism. (Send copies of your missionary budgets to the editor).

DEMOCRACY MARCHES ON

B. K. Apelian

On Monday, May 17, the Supreme Court of the land made a historic decision. It held unanimously that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. Chief Justice Earl Warren reading the decision declared that segregation was unlawful under the Fourteenth Amendment which assures "equal protection of the law" to all citizens.

The decision affects Washington, D. C., 17 states where segregation is required, and 4 states where the practice is permitted but not required.

As was commented by Robert J. Donovan of the New York Herald Tribune, "The ruling foreshadows the integration of White and Negro children in the same schools in communities which have known nothing but segregation in their entire histories." Some commentators have compared the decision to the Emancipation Proclamation.

None can deny that there will be difficulties, trouble and confusion for sometime to come, as the communities involved will begin to make the transition from the old to the new and constitutional concept of equality in public education and thus start the movement of integration of White and Negro children. We believe, however, every community will eventually meet the issue intelligently, honestly and resolutely as we all realize that the decree of the Supreme Court corrects an evil of long standing in the United States where we frequently in our allegiance to the country, pledge our lives to "one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The system of public education in the nation lies at the heart of democracy. "The tangible aspects of the school, its classrooms, its books, are not the essence of this system of education. The essence is the very fact of being together." To separate the Negro children from others of similar age and qualifications, the Court said, "generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

The nation as a whole, we believe, rejoices over this new interpretation of the American way stated in its Constitution. It marks another milestone in our march on the highway of democracy. We only regret that it has to take so long to square "the country's basic law with its conscience and its deepest convictions." We more than regret that this important discovery of the meaning of human personality which is the heart of democracy, had to be proclaimed and decreed by the law of the State and not by the convictions of the leaders and representatives of the Christian Church. What have the churches been teaching and preaching? Is not the essence of the Christian faith and gospel reverence for the personality of ever individual because of the divinity which God has put into it? Is not the law of Christ to love our fellowmen of every race, color and class and nation as ourselves, because we all belong to the one family of God whom we call "our Father?" Yet no other organization speaking generally has practiced more segregation than the Christian Church.

There is no state or federal law to compel any congregation to do what the Supreme Court has de-

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THINKING OUT LOUD

At the last Social Time of my Homebuilders Class, we enjoyed an excellent motion picture. But in trying to set up the projector, the intricate electrical system proved to be a baffling mystery. As a result the loud speaker was not properly connected. When the machine was turned on, the speaker emitted a series of harsh squawks. Howard Craig's young son had very sensitive ears. The noise so hurt and frightened him that he became almost hysterical.

The Psychologists tell us that we are born with only two Fears, i.e., the Fear of FALLING and the Fear of NOISE. It occurred to me that NOISE IS ALWAYS Man's Enemy. We may convince ourselves that we have developed an Immunity to Stridency, but actually our subconscious selves may be on the verge of hysteria. As a matter of fact, Scientific experiments have definitely proved that NOISE reduces our efficiency, and often produces a severe nervous shock.

SO, the SILENT TIME which we observe in our Fellowship of Prayer is not a queer Midweek Innovation. It is a most effective technique in the development of a PEACEFUL and PRODUCTIVE Mind. "Silence," said Carlyle, "is the Element in which GREAT THINGS fashion themselves." In this world of tumult, a WISE MAN sets aside at least fifteen minutes in twenty-four hours for the observance of a QUIET TIME.

If YOU are tense and disquieted, dedicate one hour every week to the FELLOWSHIP of PRAYER; and fifteen minutes every day to the PRACTICE of SILENCE. It may save you from a PHYSICAL or a NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

Horace S. Cushing

WISE and OTHERWISE

Albert E. Hutchison

The trouble with some people who stop to think is that they stay parked.

The Salvation Army lass said to the elderly Scotchman, "Can you spare a shilling for the Lord?" "How old are ye lass?" "Nineteen, Sir." "Well, I'm 70," said the elderly Scotchman, "so I'll be seeing the Lord before ye and I'll give it to him myself."

A Bull may be dumb but he understood the red flag before the rest of the world did.

It is not the minutes you put in at the table that makes you fat, it's the seconds.

Here and there. Progress is sticking its sharp pugnacious nose in some strange places. An elevator is being installed in the great Pyramid of Goza. Now electric motors toll Emmanuel, the huge bell of Notre Dame Cathedral. And inflation has hit the Azande Territory of Africa -- the price of wives has risen from 8 to 15 spears.

Auto manufacturers have made the 54 models more powerful than ever. Apparently too many pedestrians have been escaping.

Give a woman an inch and she'll buy a girdle. A chip on the shoulders is the heaviest load a man can carry.

A school inspector was questioning some boys. "Can you take your warm overcoat off?" "Yes, sir." "Can the bear take his warm overcoat off?" "No, sir." "Why, not?" This poser met with a long silence. Finally a little one spoke up. "Please, sir, because only God knows where the buttons are."

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manded of the states in regard to public education. There is a higher law, however, which is more compelling, the divine law of the spirit revealed in Christ. But how much longer will the church call Christ, "Lord, Lord!" and fail to obey his commandment?

PEN PORTRAITS AND PIC

WORD CAME TO US JUST AS WE WENT TO PRESS that Mrs. Evans, the wife of Dr. Joseph M. Evans the minister of the Metropolitan Community Church in Chicago passed from this life into the fuller life. Your Minister-at-Large will never forget the time that he was a visitor in her home at dinner. Though she was in no condition to entertain guests she was absolutely wonderful. To know her was to love her. The Minister-at-Large was present at the services June 17th.

DR. MARY G. EVANS, PASTOR OF THE COSMOPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, has just undergone surgery. She is convalescing in a wonderful manner but will not be able to be present at our conference. We shall miss her very much. **RUTH GEBERT, THE WIFE OF OUR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ED GEBERT**, Longview Community Church, has also undergone surgery and was in critical condition for a number of days. The last report was that she is improving. Even when she was the sickest she insisted that Ed attend our conference.

TOM BENNET MAURER, who for the last 7 years was pastor of the Mariemont Community Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been called to be Chairman of the Department of the Ministry of the Community Church of Columbus, Ohio. He will begin his new duties on September 1.

FEW PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THE RUNNING OF A CONFERENCE MEANS COMMITTING THE COUNCIL in the neighborhood of \$7,500.00. A few people wondered about the registration fee of \$9.50. Guarantees, deposits and term commitments for the side trips which had to be part of the New York conference will eat up so much of that \$9.50 that it looks like we will have slightly less than \$4.00 for an actual registration fee. Last year at East Lansing the registration fee was \$4.50. As we go to press, we have almost 300 advance registrations with many commuter registrations and a large number of sponsor registrations in addition. The program, the financial soundness and the spirit insure for us a wonderful experience for us in New York.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNION CHURCH OF LIMA, PERU, which just recently joined our conference, will be present in New York. All of us through our office received an invitation to the ground-breaking service for the first unit of a group of new buildings which was held on Sunday, May 30. The future **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** will carry the plan of the new building of this church in a foreign land.

DR. VIRGIL I. FOSTER, Editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Religious Education was with the Central Community Church, Mattoon, Ill. recently to help them decide on their decorations for their church school. Dr. Foster in addition to his editorial abilities is also an expert in architecture for religious education.

THE BATH COMMUNITY CHURCH at a dedication service June 13, dedicated candle sticks in memory of Mrs. Mary Linder, offering plates in memory of Edwin Calvin, Sr., a beautiful six-foot cross in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Butler, a missel in memory of Lloyd Wallace and trees and landscaping in memory of Eugene Crazz, Lloyd Wallace, Edwin Calvin, Sr., and Marty Honeywell and a set of books which will contain the permanent record of all the memorial gifts given to the church. These books were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stoller and family. James A. Stewart is the minister and the speaker for the occasion was the Minister-at-Large.

THE LAKEWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE recently were hosts to the young people of the Southwest Fellowship of Community Churches. A Spring Concert of the Chancel Choir was also given on the first Sunday of June. The minister Chaplain Hall has preached a series of sermons on the history of Christianity. The sermon for May 30th was entitled "Personalities of the Reformation."

REAR ADMIRAL THORNTON C. MILLER and CAPTAIN HARRIS W. HOWE, chaplains in the U. S. N. will be preachers in the Old San Diego Community Church while Willard Page is at the conference.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER, MASS., sponsors its churches annual outing each year. This year it was held at

the North Worcester Fox and Coon Club in suburban Princeton.

THE FINAL BULLETIN WRITTEN BY ALBERT E. HUTCHISON who is in the Worcester County Sanatorium arrived in the office. In spite of the fact that he has been hospitalized for some months and will not be back on duty until the fall it reflects his marvelous spirit.

THE WORONOCO UNION CHURCH BROTHERHOOD in Mass. also sponsors an annual picnic for all members of the church. They issued a very cordial invitation for the members of the Russell Church, which is also ministered to by Ed Hayes, to join them.

GEORGE E. JOHNSON, who has been for the last few years the minister at the Oakton Community Church, has accepted the call of the Community Church in Vero Beach, Florida. He will take up his duties in early September. Ted Rogers who has been the minister of the Vero Beach Church during the interim has been called to the Ormond Beach in Florida. He will take up his duties immediately following the conference.

THE PASTORAL CALL OF THE FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Falmouth Foreside, Maine, where Dean Lord is the minister always has something very unusual. I want to quote a paragraph from the column "Dean Lord Says". "It's a little odd isn't it that newspaper columnists know so much better how to run the government than do the men who have been so unfortunate than as to be put into office? Only the candidates who met defeat in the past elections can approach the daily writers in these omniscience. Those two groups know exactly what should be done to defeat the communists, to ward off a depression, to pacify the farmers and to lower taxes -- and all the while, our elected officials are hopelessly entangled with all these problems." Now, isn't that real wisdom.

THE LONGVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH, LONGVIEW, WASH., ED GEBERT, minister is having a wonderful Daily Vacation Church School. Believe me, they are not the only ones either. The daily vacation schools and day camps have been mentioned in almost every bulletin we received. **DURING THE CONFERENCE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE** will be on hand to help you: Charles McConnell, Associate Minister of the Church in Radburn, Fairlawn, N.J., Mrs. Lillian Asato of the office; Mrs. Eve Beach of Union Seminary; Art Fitzgerald of Long Beach, Cal.; Robert Taylor of Warren, Ohio; and Les Butler of Bath, Ohio. They will be augmented by a large number of people from the metropolitan New York area who have been marshalled together by Charles McConnell who took over the chairmanship of our convention committee when Maurice Dawkins moved to California.

A SPECIAL WEDDING BELLS SERVICE was held by Robert Taylor, The Howland Community Church, Warren, Ohio, on June 8. At this service the wedding service is read and all the couples who have been married during the 14 years of his ministry are invited to attend.

RUDY THOMAS, THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO, makes one of the finest statements on the use of a minister's time, especially setting apart some for study, that the editor has ever read. He is putting aside so that we can use it in some future **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**.

G. RUSSELL GRAHAM, MINISTER OF ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY CHURCH, Claremont, Cal., had an ordination service for his elders on June 13. The growth of this church has been remarkable. It is one of the many demonstrations we have across the nation of true community.

STUDY, WORSHIP, MUSIC, HANDWORK, RECREATION, are all on the program for boys and girls from kindergarten through the sixth grade at the Church in Aurora, Ohio, where Joe Hutcherson is the minister.

IF ENOUGH PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED, RAY HILTY, the minister of the Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church Dayton, Ohio, is going to have a service at 8 o'clock in the morning through the summer.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW SPIRITUALLY IS AFFORDED at the Peoples Church, East Lansing, Mich., with the Christian Faith study group which meets Tuesday evenings at Seven with a midweek meditation group that meets

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Wednesday evening at six-thirty and a Laughhead Quest group is scheduled Thursday evening at eight-fifteen. This Church has sponsored the organization of the Edgewood Peoples Church in suburban East Lansing.

"PAUL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD WOMEN AND OURS" is the topic of a feature article by Orvis Jordan in the Community Church News of the Church in Park Ridge, Ill. We are saving this also for a future issue of *The Christian Community*.

THE CHURCH BOARD AND THE RECREATION COMMITTEE of the Community Church, Collinsville, Okla., where B. F. Waas is minister, invited every member of the church and the community to a Get-Better-Acquainted pot-luck supper on the Recreation Court.

THE MISSIONARY OFFERING at the Garden Villas Community Church, Houston, Tex., Ralph E. Marsden, Jr. minister, on Pentecost Sunday went to the work of Albert Schweitzer in Africa.

AN EXCELLENT BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM was held at the James W. Teamer School of Religion in Charlotte, N.C. They also published a very beautiful yearbook called the *Bulletonian*.

"WINDOW WAYS," THE COMMUNITY PAPER OF THE WINDOW COMMUNITY CHURCH, Orchard Park, N.Y. always sets the editor's heart good. They are always plugging for the International Council or for subscriptions to *THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY*. It's quite a sizeable paper, too. There are 16 pages in this month's.

THE WESTPORT COMMUNITY CHURCH IN OREGON had a very wonderful annual meeting. They voted unanimously to ask Keith Kerr and Mrs. Kerr to return for another year and gave quite a sizeable boost in salary. The cooperation of this church with the school is very evident in their bulletin issued at the end of the school year.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK CITY makes announcement of *The Community Pulpit 1953-54* series. The following sermons can be obtained at the church at 15¢ each:

Donald Harrington: "What Can Liberal Religion Do For You?" "What Is Your Dream?" "Bertrand Russell and the Religion of 'I Don't Know.'" "These Wild, Gloomy Times: How Shall we Understand and Deal with Them?" "The Fine Art of Minding Other People's Business" "How and When To Pray" "How to Live in New York and Like It!"

Homer A. Jack: "Is McCarthy A Concealed Communist?"

John Haynes Holmes: "The True and False in Religion: How May We Tell Them Apart?" "Desperate Remedies in Time of War".

THE MEN'S CLUB OF THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH, Packanack Lake, N.J., where R. Cameron Fisher is the minister recently held their third annual Communion Breakfast at 7:30 in the morning in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, the Executive Secretary of the Japan International Christian University Foundation was the speaker. The male chorus of the church sang.

"DEMOCRACY MARCHES ON" was the title of an article written by Bedros K. Apelian, the editor of the *Beacon*, The Church in Radburn, Fairlawn, N.J. It hailed the recent decision of the Supreme Court when it held unanimously that racial segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional. This, too, will be repeated in the *CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY*.

STUDENT PULPIT ASSISTANTS, 37 of them, were listed in the paper of the Union Church, Berea, Ky., where Leon Sanborne is the minister. More and more community churches are using young people and older lay people in their morning services.

SUMMER PICNIC VESPERs are to be held in the Berea Church each Thursday evening at 5:30 on the church lawn south of the church. Informal vesper services will follow the picnic lunch.

THE BULLETIN OF THE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Savanna, Ill., where W. Chester Jostrom is the minister, carried a salutation to all the young people who graduated from the Savanna school.

THE UNITED CHURCH, OAK RIDGE, TENN., where Harley Patterson is the minister had a special breakfast with the

high school graduates of the church family as guests. The summer camp of the youth of the United Church will be held at Camp Pomona near Crossville, Tenn., June 6 to 12. **THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GREENWOOD UNION CHURCH**, Wakefield, Mass., Harry W. Birch, Minister, contains 25 pages of good solid reading. Every department of the church is in excellent financial and spiritual condition. Such a report as this keeps your editor happy. You will hear from it throughout the year.

IN THE NARTHEX published by the Flossmoor Community Church where Robert K. Bell is the minister, we read that they are going to have a single church service at 9:30 in the morning followed by breakfast beginning on June 13. The regular double service each Sunday morning will be resumed in September.

YOUR EDITOR WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH if you would take the time to list the titles and publishing houses and the authors of the materials that you are using in your church school. Be sure and let us know which church they are from when you send them in to us. One of the great services of our paper is to help people in this field.

LIBRARIES ARE IN THE NEWS THESE DAYS. Both the *Narthex* of the Flossmoor Community Church, Flossmoor, Ill., and the Greenwood Union Church paper, Greenwood, Mass., have news in their papers about their libraries.

THE ANTIOCH MESSENGER OF THE ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CHURCH, Kansas City, Mo., where Carl Burkhardt is the minister, mentions the Supreme Court decision. We would expect this because Carl is the editor of the paper. This church recently voted that it would give 10% of their income for missions.

A NEW PULPIT BIBLE in the Revised Standard Version has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Berg to the Edgebrook Community Church, Chicago 30, Ill. George S. Study, who recently took over the pastorate of this church has an excellent article on worship as *The Heart of Religion* on the front page of their June issue of the *Broadcaster*.

THE TIE WHICH IS THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION of the Community Church, Morton, Ill., where Willis Elliott is the minister, carries word of a Christian Adventure Camp to be held at Epworth Spring, Lewistown, Ill. More than 140 children from the 4 community churches and 1 Methodist Church will take part in the program. They are also holding their morning services earlier during the summer to beat the heat.

THE BULLETINS OF THE CHALMERS, IND., COMMUNITY CHURCH show that they are carrying on in a marvelous way while they look for a new minister.

"TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR WISE FATHERS" is the feature article in *The Tidings*, the Union Community Church, where William F. Melberg is the minister. We notice the timely appeal "If you are not going to be regular in your church attendance, please be regular in your giving. Keep your envelopes up to date." I am sure that this would be good advice for all the readers of our paper.

ROLAND C. MARRIOTT, the minister of the Union Church, Watertown, Mass., has an excellent article on the three years on his ministry in *The Tower*, their publication. Their paper is always full of news.

THE PARK ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Washington, D.C., Vernon C. Sherman, the new minister has a very complete bulletin each week. In a little column called "Thoughts Worth Pondering" he writes "I do not know what the future holds but I know who holds the future." This is certainly a wonderful thought as a church and minister begin a ministry together.

FAMILY CAMP of the Palisades Community Church, Washington, D.C., Nelson Pierce minister, has been planned to accommodate the whole church over the weekend of August 27 to 29. The camp site is in Deale, Maryland.

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE



Esther Merrick Crane
Tuesday Noon Speaker

WOMAN'S PROGRAM

Mrs. Ann Adman, Program Chairman, and her committee announce the program for the women at the conference in New York.

The general program is so rich in its offering the program committee wants the women to share in all of the opportunities. This leaves very little time for the women's program as such. The following special program for women will give the women an opportunity to meet each other in a discussion group, to transact their business and to hear an outstanding woman speaker.



Bell Greve
Tuesday Eve. Speaker

BUSINESS SESSIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Introductions

Appointment of committees to serve during period of convention

1. Nominating Committee
2. Christian Social Relations
3. Christian World Missions
4. Christian World Relations
5. Leadership Training
6. Committee on projects
7. Committee on Finance

Report of state leaders by chairman of state leaders

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Reports by Committee

1. World Missions
2. Christian World Relations
3. Christian Social Relations
4. Leadership Training

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Reports by Committees

1. Projects
2. Finance
3. Nominating

Election of officers

State leaders will be asked to serve another year

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, June 26, After evening session officers and chairmen of committees are asked to come.

WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 8:30 P.M. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Subjects to be discussed by small groups with leaders and recorders.

ORGANIZATION OF A WOMAN'S GROUP

DEVOTIONS - resource material, group participation

LEGISLATION AND PEACE - Mission projects explained mimeographed information sheet. Discussion on world situation by members.

MEMBERSHIP - how to secure and retain

PROGRAM - panel discussion, sacrificial luncheons, book review, rumor clinic, hobby show, husband and wife dialogue with questions

FINANCE - raising money and budgeting money; Trading Post; women's exchange; selling Christmas cards, cleaners, dishcloths, shampoos, cleaners, stationery; white elephant sale and auction; book reviews as a money raising project.

TUESDAY JUNE 29TH

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

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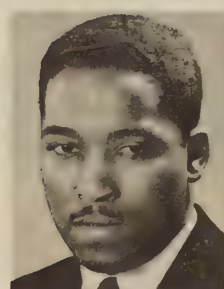
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6:30 FRIDAY EVENING: Banquet with the whole conference followed by a speaker. This will be followed by a youth get-together in the lounge of the youth dorm.

10:00 SATURDAY MORNING: Guest speaker, Dr. Ira Moomaw, presenting the "Challenge of Modern Missions", followed by a question and discussion period.

1:45 SATURDAY AFTERNOON: "The Community Church Concept" presented by Dick Porter and Dr. Bowman.

SATURDAY EVENING: Open

SUNDAY MORNING: Unite with whole conference for morning services at Riverside Church.

2:20 SUNDAY AFTERNOON: Unite with conference in tour of unusual religious temples and churches in New York City, ending with supper and program at the Community Church with Donald Harrington as speaker.

MONDAY, 10 A.M.: Dr. Gordon Poteat of Florida presenting "Christian Vocations."

1:30 MONDAY AFTERNOON: Boat trip around Manhattan Island.

MONDAY EVENING: Join conference program.

10:00 TUESDAY MORNING: Talk on "Learning to Pray". Leaders to be announced.

2:00 TUESDAY AFTERNOON: Preparation for the youth conducted Communion Service.

8:30 TUESDAY EVENING: Conference Communion Service with Maurice Dawkins giving the sermon.

10:00 WEDNESDAY MORNING: Panel discussion on "Local Youth Programs and Work", with the five youth advisors as panel members.

1:30 WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON: Join the conference in a tour of the United Nations Building.

6:30 WEDNESDAY EVENING: Join the conference banquet and program.

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RECEIPTS JULY 1953 - MAY 1954 (SEE COMPARISON IN BOX BELOW)	25,710.23
DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1953 - MAY 1954	24,846.16
BANK BALANCE MAY 31, 1954 (MOSTLY CONFERENCE MONEY)	\$ 861.81

RECAPITULATION

RECEIPTS			
Contributions - General	\$15,608.39		
Membership fees	823.50		
Subscriptions - Christian Community	1,497.25		
Advertising - Christian Community	279.39		
Youth Department	50.00		
Miscellaneous	85.05		
Literature	79.90		
Christian Community Associates	125.00		
Seminars	14.00		
Official Business	175.00		
Conference	918.50		
Missions	5830.75		
Allahabad	223.50	6,054.25	\$25,710.23
DISBURSEMENTS			
Office Salaries	\$ 8,420.19		
Travel & Promotion Minister-at-Large	1,862.90		
Travel - Official Business	376.17		
Travel - Executive Committee	496.57		
Postage	336.60		
Telephone & Telegraph	358.50		
Stationery & Printing	242.23		
Christian Community Expense	2,826.15		
Office Supplies	265.92		
Convention Expenses	629.13		
Bank Charges	23.91		
Women's Work	136.30		
Contingencies	269.16		
Youth Work	197.34		
Ecumenical Relations	46.38		
Pension - Minister-at-Large	476.73		
Rent - Minister-at-Large	1,100.00		
Rent - Office	550.00		
Seminars	48.63		
Equipment	129.20		
Missions	5830.75		
	223.50	6,054.25	\$24,846.16

Comparison

	1953-54 (11 MOS.)	1952-53 (12 MOS.)	INCREASE 53-54
*GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$19,655.98	\$13,022.88	\$6,633.10
MISSIONS	6,054.25	5,357.95	696.30
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$25,710.23	\$18,380.83	\$7,329.40

**\$860.68 CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THE TRAVEL FUND OF THE MINISTER-AT-LARGE

ARE THESE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES?

Protestant Church groups and individuals are awaiting with great interest a decision from the Internal Revenue Department concerning the excise tax currently being imposed on Cross and Crown awards or medals. These medals are universally used by most Protestant denominations to encourage faithful and regular attendance at Sunday School, and so encourage young people to learn and practice the doctrines of the Christian religion. Under the present ruling a 10% tax is levied on such items, while similar objects by Roman Catholics have not been taxed.

The decision which is expected shortly is based on an appeal made by Carroll E. Whittemore, head of Whittemore Associates, the well-known church supply house of Boston. Mr. Whittemore who felt that the ruling was unintentionally discriminatory retained legal counsel to present the case to the government agency.

Under the present setup one may purchase medals, pins, etc. TAX FREE, if a statement to the effect that they are to be used for religious purposes is filed with the seller. However, the Internal Revenue Service in reply to an earlier request for clarification by Mr. Whittemore has specifically ruled that Cross and Crown pins are not religious items, no matter how many certificates are filed stating the contrary.

The administrative procedure now in effect interprets Section 2400 of the Internal Revenue Code (which section pertains to "Articles used for reli-

gious purposes") to mean that an article commonly used for non-religious purposes, such as vases, crosses, candlesticks, etc., may be sold tax-free if purchased exclusively for religious purposes. As indicated earlier, a statement to this effect must be left with the retailer.

The government ruling goes on to state that some articles, such as rosaries, crucifixes, chalices, etc., are of such nature as to be usable only for religious purposes. These can be purchased without a tax and without filing a statement of intended use.

An inspection of church supply catalogs gives an indication of the discriminatory effect of this ruling, i.e., that a 10% excise tax is levied on Cross and Crown pins while similar Roman Catholic items such as First Communion pins, St. Christopher medals, Merit, Spelling and Music pins for Parochial school use are tax-free.

Sunday School groups (which number over 200,000 in the United States) buying Cross and Crown pins from the Whittemore catalog will find there a certificate which they must fill out stating that the use of pins is for religious purposes.

Mr. Whittemore, in filing the appeal on behalf of all Protestant groups, stated that such an unfair condition is clearly contrary to the intent of Congress and does not adhere to the exact wording of the statute.



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through which community-minded
and freedom loving churches can
cooperate to make a united contri-
bution towards

A UNITED CHURCH

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this fellowship shall be The International
Council of Community Churches.

ARTICLE II - HEADQUARTERS

The location of the headquarters of the International
Council of Community Churches shall be established by
the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III - INCORPORATION

The International Council of Community Churches shall be
incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of
Ohio.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE

Section 1. The International Council of Community Churches
is a fellowship that seeks to realize total

Christian unity in local, national and world relations. It
welcomes all churches, groups and individuals, that seek
to make the church the instrument for discovering and
putting into practice the will of God in community life.

Section 2. The Council approaches the task of the church
in the community in terms of the community's
needs. Believing that a community requires a united
church, the fellowship is committed to Christian unity and
works toward a united church, a church as comprehensive
as the spirit and teachings of Christ and as inclusive as
the love of God.

Section 3. The Council is deeply concerned about neglect-
ed areas and the social and economic suffering
of human beings throughout the world. We recognize the
worth and dignity of every human being as the supreme
value in which God's love and creative will are mani-
fested.

ARTICLE V - OBJECTIVES

Section 1. To help communities without any church to
form one all-inclusive Church that is free to
provide all acceptable forms of religious expression.

Section 2. To help communities with competing and over-
lapping churches to federate, and/or unite into
one vital community-centered church. The International
Council proposes to help communities directly; and at the
same time to work constantly to stimulate the denomina-
tions to set up procedures to do this through their cooper-
ative agencies. Until they do it, the Council will try to do
it.

Section 3. To discover, to train, and to provide ministers
for community, federated and union churches.

Section 4. To stimulate giving to community church and
ecumenical and other missionary projects.

Section 5. To provide definite materials which will set
forth the concept and the techniques of a com-
munity-centered church at local, national and world wide
levels.

Section 6. To foster an existing ground-swell movement
for a united church in every way possible; and
to nourish the growth of a local and national church that
answers the prayer of Jesus. "That they all may be one."

Section 7. And, finally, to merge ourselves with other
followers of our Lord as soon as a large pro-
portion of the denominations, in obedience to Him, unite
to form one, holy church.

ARTICLE VI - RELATIONSHIP TO CHURCHES

This Council is a fellowship of and for the churches
which participate; it is not a denomination, not a church,
nor in any manner a superior ecclesiastical body. It has no
inherent rights to make rules or set requirements regarding
churches within its fellowship.

It does have the right within itself to set forth its
purpose and objectives, and it is also within its rights in
anticipating actions likely to follow the presentation of
such purposes and objectives.

We anticipate that once the purposes and objectives,

and the services available are made known, churches in harmony with them will use this fellowship and join with other churches in formulating programs of cooperative action.

Since this Council provides a fellowship, a clearing-house, and an open forum for cooperative activities of such community churches, it is the duty of the Council to set forth simple rules in the interests of harmony and good order.

ARTICLE VII - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 (a) The electing and governing body of the International Council of Community Churches shall be its participating churches.

(b) Churches will indicate decision to be a participating church by paying annually a "good faith" fee of \$5.00 and in addition, make adequate and systematic arrangement for proportional share of the budget of the Council.

(c) Official delegates from the church to the Council shall be: The minister or ministers, two lay people and one young person for the first 500 members or fewer of the church, and two lay people and one young person for each additional 500 members or major fraction thereof. Delegates shall present credentials and only accredited delegates may vote.

(d) All decisions shall be by majority vote of accredited delegates present and voting, except that major decisions of the International Council may be referred to the participating churches for ratification by a two-thirds vote of such churches.

Section 2 (a) Policies shall be established by the official delegates of the participating churches at the convention. They shall be carried out under the supervision of the Board of Trustees.

(b) The Board of Trustees shall consist of the following officers: President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected by the official delegates at each convention. Additional members of the Board of Trustees shall be known as Area Representatives, who shall be approved by the area or regional organizations that now exist, or will be formed in the future, and be elected at the convention, together with such officers as are provided for in this section under (c) (d) (e) (f). All officers shall be elected for one or two year terms.

(c) The Board of Trustees shall have the privilege of adding not more than twelve additional persons who shall be known as Members-at-Large.

(d) The Board of Trustees shall appoint directors of Men's, Youth's and Children's Work, Missionary projects and Foreign Churches and such other divisions of labor as may be necessary, until such time as those groups are organized sufficiently to elect their own officers. Those representatives shall be members of the Board of Trustees and shall work in accordance with the policy of the Board of Trustees.

(e) The Women's Work shall be known as The Women's Christian Fellowship of the International Council of Community Churches. The women shall elect their own officers at each convention. The President will be a member of the Board of Trustees and will direct the Women's Work subject to the policy of the Board of Trustees.

(f) The Youth Work shall be known as the Youth Fellowship of the International Council of Community Churches. They shall elect their own officers and co-advisors. The Director, President and Advisors shall be members of the Board of Trustees and will direct their work subject to the policy of the Board of Trustees.

(g) The Board of Trustees shall employ sufficient staff to do the required work.

Section 3 (a) The Board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the President or upon written request of three members.

(b) The Board of Trustees may form an Executive Committee of not less than 5, with full power to act between meetings of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII - COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1. Any church unwilling to assume the responsibilities of a participating church as provided for in Article VII, may have a Cooperative Relationship to the Council by the payment of an annual fee of \$10. This relationship shall not include the right to vote when a roll call is demanded.

ARTICLE IX - MINISTERS

Section 1. (a) The International Council of Community Churches shall recognize ordination of both men and women. 1. By a local church; preferably assisted by the President, Vice-Presidents, or other ministers of the Council. 2. By a denomination.

(b) If and when multiple-ordination is achieved it will be welcomed and approved.

(c) The Council sets as a goal for ministers the minimum requirements of a college degree and three years of seminary training or the equivalent thereof.

(d) There shall be an annually revised official list of ministers of churches participating in the Council which each minister may use to designate his status as a member of the clergy.

(e) Ministers now acceptably serving churches in good standing in either the National Council or the Biennial Council shall be charter members in such a list of ministers.

(f) And other ministers in good standing.

ARTICLE X - SPECIAL POLICIES

Section 1. This Council strongly urges participating churches to cooperate actively in World, National, State and Local Councils of Churches.

Section 2. This Constitution is an instrument to aid in harmonious cooperation in the Kingdom of God. It gives no authority to its elected and appointed officers for top-level dictation of method or program over autonomous churches.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular convention of the International Council of Community Churches by a two thirds vote of those present and accredited.

Amendments must first be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee then with their recommendation, for or against, be sent to churches at least 60 days in advance of the next convention.

Section 2. This Constitution, after full discussion, was adopted at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, on the Seventeenth day of August, 1950, and was ordered put into force immediately.

CONFERENCE TOURS

directed by

Clarence V. Howell

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I 27 June Sunday - LIVING WORLD RELIGIONS - 2:20 p.m. LEAVE from 120 St. Cor. B'way UTS.

3:00 p.m. - HINDU RAMAKRISHNA - VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY 17 East 94 St., east of 5th Ave. for a study of the Hindu Seal. Mr. John Moffitt, Secretary of this Society will explain the Hindu Symbolism - The Graceful Swan - on the Choppy Waves - The Rising Sun - The Lotus Flower - The Serpent Twined Around All. He knows Hinduism in western terms. Briefly he tells us the Teachings thus illustrated. Questions. Then 96 St. bus to west to 171 W. 94 St.

4:15 - EXQUISITE BUDDHIST TEMPLE - 171 W. 94 St. east of Amsterdam. The most exquisitely beautiful shrine in New York - artistry of Japan - inlaid with pure gold and carved parts lacquered. At close, go up close to it. Collection.

4:15 - BUDDHIST SERVICE - The chanting of the Sultras (Buddhist Psalms). Egen I. Yoshikami, pastor, will talk to us on the meaning of the symbols of the shrine. He will answer our questions. This is the Shinn Sect, the largest Sect in Japan - 44000 in USA. Buddhism is therefore movement in Hinduism. The Shinn Sect is the reform

movement in Buddhism. Note the contrast of the Teachings with Christian Teachings:-

"No one saves us but ourselves
No one can and no one may,
We ourselves must walk the path -
Buddhas merely show the way."

Dhammapada. Buddhas - The Enlightened one
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II 28 June Monday - CIRCLE AROUND MANHATTAN ISLAND BY CIRCLE LINE BOAT - The one sight seeing trip I recommend. The landscape, the sky reaching buildings, all about New York interpreted on the way. A restful afternoon on the waters. For these exclusive New Yorkers live on a tight little Island out in the Atlantic. The Director, Clarence V. Howell, may get in a few words about the many nationalities and racial groups, many religious groups on this island as we pass where they live. People are his specialty. LEAVE from 43 St. on Hudson River 2:00 p.m.

III 30 June Wednesday - THE UNITED NATIONS AFTER-NOON. The details have not been completely worked out as we go to press but it will be an unusual program.

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Karma - Spiritual evolution. This integrates.

29 June Tuesday - ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA - 1:45 p.m. MOROCCAN DINNER no tip for like as a church dinner prepared by the ladies society, Moslems. Most delicious foods like the Arabs eat - lamb, chicken, okra, squash, dates, etc. Kosher, no pork selected foods. \$1.50. We expect to sit in on a Mosque prayer service. We shall cover our heads. Paper caps provided. We shall remove our shoes from our feet in reverence before the Lord as is their custom. SHAIKH, DAOUD AHMED FAISAL, spiritual head, director of this Islamic Center will talk to us on the Way of Islam and the teaching of the Holy Qur-an as the only true religion. He is most kind. But he must tell us harsh things about our religion to be true to his faith. This is a real Moslem Center like the faith of 500,000 Moslems on earth. They are dogmatic! They are harsh! If you can take it go with us. Space is limited. EXPENSES dinner \$1.50. For the trips \$1. It is wise to drop us word to reserve for you before you come so as to be in on this. Send no money in advance.

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Missions of Helpfulness

SINCE THE END of the Second World War, a new kind of foreign missionary activity has begun to enlist considerable support among church people and others in this country. It is the mission of kindness, of improvement in the conditions of life. It sets out to better food production and to develop village industries. It is concerned to do away with illiteracy and ignorance. It seeks to help people to attain health through instruction in sanitation, nutrition, and the cure of disease. It plays down preaching and propaganda and plays up the "living of the gospel," which is thought of as "abundant life." It is friendly to the churches, its proponents being churchmen of various kinds, but it pays as little attention as possible to sectarian divisions, crossing denominational lines with the greatest of ease.

Among the groups which operate in this general category are the American Friends Service Committee, CARE, World Neighbors, the Near East Foundation, and the Foundation for International Economic Development and Education, Inc. Such organizations—and the above list is not exhaustive—maintain their independence of ecclesiastical control, usually operating under their own boards of directors or trustees. At the same time they offer to church people opportunities for service abroad which seem to deal more directly with the needs of the people than does the conventional missionary program. In intention they are complementary to, not competitive with, older forms of missionary work.

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There is no question that enterprises of this kind may meet a genuine need in underdeveloped countries. The Near East Foundation, which got its start after World War I in an effort to aid refugees of that war, has developed in Iran, Syria and elsewhere village demonstration centers which build better health, better agriculture and literacy. Each center influences the people of 20, or 30 villages around it. The American Friends Service Committee has done a similar job in several countries. Its work camps help young people of many lands build better human relations while they erect schools, dig drainage ditches or do other pieces of work—without monetary reward—for the benefit of the people. CARE now supplies tools by which people can help themselves. So does CROP. The Foundation for International Economic Development is concerned to use the economic resources of underdeveloped lands to finance their own improvement.

A lusty newcomer to this field is World Neighbors, Inc. It is only two years of age, but it has grown so rapidly that it was the subject of an article in the *Saturday Evening Post* on December 23, 1953. From its offices in Columbus, Ohio (1166 Goodale Blvd.), and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, it campaigns to relieve the misery of half the world's people. Its moving spirits are Roy A. Burkhart of First Community Church, Columbus, and John L. Peters, formerly associate professor of religion at Oklahoma City University. Associated with them are Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota, formerly a missionary doctor in China; Norman Vincent Peale, minister of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York; Samuel M. Shoemaker, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh; Frank C. Laubach, famed Congregational Christian missionary and inventor of a well known method for teaching illiterates; and Melvin J. Evans, a Chicago businessman. Their goal is to set

up 120 pilot stations in underdeveloped lands. This is estimated to cost \$200,000 a month or \$2,400,000 a year. Through these stations teams of specialists will help people help themselves.

World Neighbors now has in operation eight such stations. Six are in India—at Katpadi, Ankleswar, Gandhi Gram, Ghaziabad, Madurai and Bharapani. The seventh and eighth stations are in operation at Assuit, Egypt, and on the Philippine island of Mindanao. What might be taken as a model station is at Katpadi, Madras province, India. There the Reformed Church of America had an agricultural institute which served as a base of operations. World Neighbors is supplementing the work of the institute and helping it expand, so that all together the "team" operating at this place numbers 33 persons, Indians and Americans. An agriculturist introduced the new plow developed at Allahabad Agricultural Institute, a missionary institution, and plows demonstration plots of land, which are seeded, cultivated and harvested according to good agricultural methods.

In twelve centers night classes meet, working on adult literacy, improved farming, health and maternal welfare. In eight of these centers, boys' clubs and youth groups were formed. In each village a village welfare committee, consisting of five men and two women, administers the program. An intelligent effort is being made to help the people recover their ancient skills in arts and crafts. The American personnel consists of people educated and experienced in agriculture, public health, literacy, handicraft production and marketing. They are committed to give at least five years to living with the people and helping them where they live. All are thoroughly dedicated Christians, who believe that what they are doing is important for the people they can help and for the peace of the world.

A strong element in the appeal of World Neighbors for support here in America is that a voluntary mission of kindly helpfulness will do more than anything else to undercut the efforts of the communists to capture these people through the exploitation of their need. Specifically, it will do more than governmental Point IV aid, since governmental aid of any sort is open to suspicion of imperialist motives. World Neighbors believes that instruction and demonstration, accompanied by the sharing of the people's life which is part of its plan, helps people to help themselves and so builds self-respect, self-confidence, and ability to carry on without help from the outside. It also believes that Americans who engage in this kind of activity, either by participation or support, will learn to understand their world neighbors and to appreciate them.

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It will be observed from this account that World Neighbors has grown out of the Protestant churches, just as the Christopher movement has emerged in Roman Catholicism. It is working according to a well tested method, and abroad it has no difficulty in finding ways of cooperating with and even expanding older forms of missionary activity. It appears to have been very successful in enlisting leading businessmen in this country to serve on its committees, and in commending itself to the people of the countries where it is beginning to work.

But the emergence of this and similar movements raises questions which must be answered, and not all the answers come easily. In the first place, such movements cannot take the place of the missionary movement as established by the churches and nourished through boards established for

that purpose. The boards established by the churches exist for preaching the gospel of Christ. They openly attempt to make converts to the Christian faith, to set up Christian churches, educational institutions, hospitals. Their success in doing this has involved them in the support of an institutional structure through which thousands of missionaries—doctors, nurses, teachers, administrators, agriculturists and others, as well as ministers—give their lives. It is the job of the churches and their mission boards to prune their institutions and keep them vital, so that they can meet emerging needs as well as serve in established patterns. But when they have done that, they have a prior claim on the loyal support of members of the churches.

Part of the reason why movements like those we are discussing have arisen is that the churches have done a better job of proclaiming the necessity of missions than they have of educating the people, and particularly the men, of the churches, on the ways in which the churches are already meeting human needs. Another reason lies in the unnecessary complexity of a missionary movement operated as an adjunct to our sectarian divisions, so that the people of one denomination seldom learn what others are doing, to say nothing of having an opportunity to share in its support. We had hoped the emergence of the National Council of Churches, with its Division of Foreign Missions, would help American Christians to take off their denominational blinkers and see the wider view. The denominations have so far prevented this from happening, with the result that independent organizations have to move in and do the work.

Another factor which has encouraged the exercise of free enterprise in the missionary movement is the never-dying hope that "friendly laymen" may be interested in some kind of church project to the extent of supporting it. It is a grim fact that every great Christian enterprise which has been built on that hope has crashed in failure and disillusionment. Do not forget the Interchurch World Movement! Over and over the brothers-in-law of the churches have been courted and have occasionally given sporadically and sometimes even spectacularly. But they do not stand hitched for the long pull, and the long pull is what counts. Over and over organizations which were set up to depend on this source of support have had to turn to the churches. It is not to anybody's discredit that this happens, and usually the churches turn out to be more interested in "creative" and "new" ventures than they are given credit for being. But it is not asking too much that people learn from experience after a while.

It does not seem unreasonable to believe that there are in this country enough men and women of good will to make possible programs like that of World Neighbors in addition to the world missionary work of the churches. It should even happen occasionally that organizations of this kind encourage members of their constituency to grow from one-project persons to supporters and participants in the whole mission of the church. In addition, such groups should strengthen the efforts of church missionary leaders to erase sectarian distinctions wherever possible and work together even more often than is at present the case. They may likewise help the established church organizations to recognize early new areas of need or opportunity produced by changing world conditions. We are glad to believe that none of the organizations mentioned in this editorial try to advance themselves at the expense of established work which has proved its merit, and we rejoice in the impression that on both sides a friendly and cooperative spirit exists.

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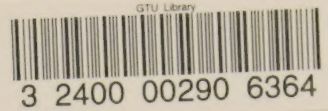
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